

CHESTNUTHILL TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
ROUTE 715, BRODHEADSVILLE, PA 18322
MINUTES OF MEETING – DECEMBER 16, 2003

A regular meeting of the Chestnuthill Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 16, 2003, at the Municipal Building, Rte 715, Brodheadsville, Pa. Those present were Chuck Gould (Chairman), Maureen Tatu (Vice-Chair), Mike Possinger, (Supervisor) and Atty. Joseph P. McDonald.

The **Pledge of Allegiance** to the Flag was led by Al Bourke.

Executive Session. Was held on December 2nd for pending litigation.

Unit Care Agreements. None.

Public Comment. None.

Correspondence.

Monroe County Control Center. Boards of Directors meeting minutes, all are welcome to view.

PSATS. They now have a legal assistance program and new law service with the benefits of membership. We will give to Atty. McDonald to review and see if the Township should join.

Infrastructure meeting. The Roadmaster and Infrastructure coordinator will attend on Friday, December 19th.

Monroe County Open Space Board Meeting. Earlier this evening Chuck Gould and Dave Albright, Planning Director attended an Open Space meeting at the county. We have submitted an application for reimbursement of open space acquisition costs. Our Township application is for \$833,764.00. We have crossed the 1st hurdle; the open space board recommended approval, however we still need to obtain the commissioners approval. On motion made by Chuck, seconded by Maureen when our allocation is received we will pay off the two outstanding notes, with the remainder of the funds to go into an earmarked account for open space. (3-0)

New Business.

West End Fire Co. (WEFC) Mr. Ed Mann, Commissioner, of the PA State Fire Commission was present to give an award to the Fire Company. Mr. Mann is responsible for training and certification programs at a variety of levels all the way through the technical level. A great percentage of active members are certified as firefighter I. 14 of 41 members in the state are certified volunteers from the WEFC. WEFC is the first volunteer Fire Company in the county to receive recognition for this program. For every person who is certified in the fire station you pick up points for grant applications, making them eligible for more money. Mr. Mann thanked the

Board of Supervisors for their support to the Fire Company. Mr. Mann presented Chris Eckert, Fire Chief with a decal in recognition.

West End Fire Company. The Weblos Den #1 of Cub Scout Pack 98 held several fund raisers and with the money raised purchased a dewalt cordless saws-all valued at \$400.00, for the fire company to use in rescue situations. Thank you Weblos Del #1.

Roadmaster. Trucks. – There are two peterbuilt single axle trucks on the state bidding program which the Roadmaster, Joe Weston asked the Board to purchase. Each truck will be \$99,757.00 and no bidding is required, the payments can be differed until 2005. On motion made by Mike, seconded by Maureen it was voted to purchase these two trucks. (3-0)

Illegal Parked Vehicles. – Joe Weston has asked the Board for permission to have illegally parked vehicles towed away in dangerous situations within a public right-of-way. A brief discussion ensued and on motion made by Chuck, seconded by Maureen it was voted to allow Atty. McDonald and Joe Weston to work on amending the ordinance and to bring back to the meeting on January 5, 2004. (3-0)

Shale Agreement – This shale agreement is with Mr. Conklin of Big Brown Fish & Pay Lake located on Rte 115 in Effort and the Township. There are two phases first removing a large portion of the shale hill which will increase sight distance going northbound on SR115, and phase two the property north of the driveway may need 10 to 12' of slope filled in with shale material to increase shoulder and roadway to straighten out the vertical curve. On motion made by Chuck, seconded by Maureen it was voted to sign this agreement. (3-0)

Employee Contracts. These are one-year contracts for Joe Weston, Cathy Baker and David Albright. On motion made by Mike, seconded by Chuck it was voted to sign these contracts. (3-0)

PSATS Supervisors Convention. This year's convention will be April 18-21st of 2004. On motion made by Mike, seconded by Maureen it was voted to send the Supervisors, Planning Director, Roadmaster and Secretary along with their significant others. (3-0)

Donation requests. The Monroe County Arts Council has requested a donation of \$350.00 for 2004. On motion made by Chuck, seconded by Mike it was voted to grant this donation request. (3-0) The Kettle Creek Environmental Fund has requested a donation of \$500.00 for 2004. On motion made by Maureen, seconded by Mike it was voted to grant this donation request. (3-0)

Park Sewage Bid. The current sewage system is too small for the park building. This proposed system will accommodate 218 seats. On motion made by Maureen, seconded by Chuck it was voted to advertise for bids for the park sewage system. (3-0)

Bills. On motion made by Maureen, seconded by Chuck it was voted to pay the General Fund bills. (3-0) On motion made by Chuck, seconded by Maureen, it was voted to pay the State Fund bills. (3-0)

Executive Session. On motion made by Maureen, seconded by Chuck it was voted to go into executive session at 7:45 p.m. on a personnel matter and pending litigation issue. (3-0) On motion

made by Maureen, seconded by Chuck it was voted to go back into the Supervisors meeting at 8:10 p.m. (3-0)

Elected Tax Collector Resignation. On motion made by Chuck, seconded by Maureen it was voted to accept the resignation of Sally Helfrich, elected tax collector. (3-0)

Thank You Mike. Thank you Mike for your service for the last six years. A cake was presented in his honor for all to enjoy.

Adjournment. There being no further business, on motion made by Mike, seconded by Chuck it was voted to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. (3-0)

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy A. Baker
Recording Secretary